MONDAY ......JANUARY 17, 1876

WEATHER REPORT. TAKEN AT 7:35 A. M. JANUARY

Ther. Wind. Weather. fall. Ft., in. by the city:

WESTERE ON SATURDAY was clear, coo eler at the Dispatch office vy 15, 1876.

Midnight .....

LOCAL MATTERS.

Capitol Notes.

Mr. San. Carpenter, member of the House and Craig counties, who has revered from an attack of smillared in his seat Saturday much to sternation of members. It was iny reperied that he was wearing the is he had on when he left the city. many gentlemen avoid him. tlew went from the hall. At the vacated their seats it would not ty long time to have left

heir and the clerk at his Mr. Carpenter the only occupants Mr. Carpenter seeing or being ion of affors, much mortified, went out. He is perfectly well, pronounced by his physician a ago. His case was not a se-Posters believe that it is impossito communicate the disease to committee on Privileges and

ad a lengthy session on Saturday eration of the law points in-Knight-Johnson case. The ey arrived at are not positively pertain that Colonel Enight eat, and from the cheerful General Johnson's friends it ed as unlikely that the majority be in his favor. There are, howdenformed persons who consider it sle that the committee will recommend nex election be ordered. A member amittee is already engaged in draft-

nion of a serio-comic nature intro-Mr. Withers in the House on Satstructing the clerk to keep an acthe number of speeches made by aber, and to compile the information ation at the end of the session. to be adopted by a vice voce vote. wever, the ayes and noes were deand ordered the resolution was de-

vote on the engrossment of Senator s bill appropriating \$5,000 for Cenposes indicates that the bill is To een votes on engrossment.

first vocume of the Calendar of State prepared by Dr. W. P. Palmer, is ds of the binder. Another volume They are declared by t authority to be the richest contri Varginia history made in the past Dr. Palmer has been indefatiga-

Crump has presented a bill in the sneed the charter and change the Merchants and Mechanics Sa-Bank of Richmond to the City Bank

suggestion that the Legislature rent if the basement rooms for a restaumeets with tavor. A member of the ter says he would resign his seat (which

a consideration) and pay a liberal sum for An effort is being made to get legislative ty to allow the City Guard, of Rich-

dress in a uniform different from tof the First regiment. Some opposition measure is manifested. The special joint committee appointed to

avestigate the cause of the recent fire at the Eastern Lunatic A-ylum will leave this city

SCHOOL TRUSTEES .- The following school trustres have been appointed: Buckingham county-Marysville district T. A. Mosciev ; James River, Alexander C Wood: Slate River, Captain John C. Tower Marshall, Dr. Robert H. Ayres; Curdsville,

aplain J. P. Phillips; Francisco, James H. Pittsylvania county-Chatham distric Hez Pieg and Samuel Smith; Dan River, Wil ham Haymer; Bannister, Joel T. Jones

Pigg River, B. C. Rover ; Tunstall, Dr. H Rehmond county-Farnham district, G. W. Price: Washington, Thomas Oldbam and Dr. B. S. Middleton; Marshall, W. H.

Omobundro; Stonewall, Thomas R. Pullen. Westmercland county-Cople district, dilam Mayo; Montross, S. L. S. Healey ashington, W. C. Marmaduke. York county-Bruton district, Hiram C beker; Nelson, William Lackey.

Franklin county-Long Branch district, Robert H. Saunders and James H. Hash. STATE GRANGE-LAST DAY .- The Grange

at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by Worthy Master, James M. Blanton. The report of the Financ . Committee with several recommendations, being the speat order of the day, was called up and act-

The action of the Wortly Master in susending a teaster of a grange during the with the interests of the order was

Article iv. of the constitution was so

t of the sessions of the day were taken

in discussing matters relative to the pribusiness of the order. At the night session, the usual amount of the Grange done, and the Grange dourned rine dre.

BEERVANCE OF GENERAL R. E. LEE'S Electeday. - A meeting of gentlemen who served in the Confederale army was held in office the Academy of Medicine Satevening to make arrangements for rly observing General Lee's birthday-On motion of Colonel W. dimer, General Harry Reth was called thair. Cat tain Henry D. Danforth and Cembers of the Press present were elected After a fair discussion of the was recoived that at that this late uld not be well to undertake to do ore than to have an address on the life and Maraeser of Lee. Captain J. Hampden Cham-Tlayer, editor of the Norfolk Virginian, as chosen orator of the day. A commitconsisting of Colonel W. H. Palmer, L. Christen, Mr. James T. Gray, and Sergrant E. H. Chamberlayne, was appointed to make all necessary preparations.

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RICHMOND, VA., MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 17, 1876.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT. Report of the City's Engineer.

WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR-DEPTH OF FOURTEEN FEET TO THE SEA-DUTCH GAP CANAL ENLARGED-FREIGHT RATES REDUCED-RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

James river is our great highway to the ses, and everything relating to the improvement of its navigation must necessarily be of interest to our business-men and other citizens. The following report, made by Colonel Whitcomb to the Committee on James River Improvement, gives an encouraging account of the work done during the year past and of the progress that has been made, and contains valuable suggestions as to how the enterprise should in future be prosecuted

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, JAMES RIVER IMPROVEMENT, RICHMOND, VA., January 1, 1876. Colonel Albert Ordway, Chairman James

River Improvement Committee: Colone',-I have the honor to submit the following report of operations in connection with the improvement of James river during This work was carried on until May 1st

W. P. Craighill, of the corps of engineers in charge of the work on the part of the United States, and your engineer, the late Major W. G. Turpio, by which the city agreed to furnish and keep in repair the machinery necessary for pile-driving and dredging, the United States paying other working expenses. Owing to the terms of the law passed by the last Congress making a further appropriation for the improvement, which required that the work under that appropriation should ordinarily be done by contract, Colonel Craighill notified me that this agreement (referred to above) must cease on the 30th of April, and that after that date the city would be expected to keep clear the channels already excavated. In accordance with this notice the city undertook the removal of bars left by the freshet of February and March on the 1st day of May. This work was completed by the 15th of June with one dredge. After that time this dredge was employed by the city in extending the channel through the hoal reach between the lower end of Rock-

Gillie's Creek shoal to the upper end of THE PAST YEAR

Rocketts reef.

etts reef and the Chesapeake and Ohio Rail

road coal-wharf until August, when it was

employed by the United States force in cut-

ting a channel from the ship-lock through

has been free from any heavy freshets, and the labor of removing bars due to this cause has been light. One freshet occurred in the latter part of February, with an extreme rise at Rocketts of eleven feet; since that time no rise of over two feet in the river has river is regulated to the best practicable been observed. The February freshet, which suspended operations on the improvement for three weeks, left bars in the channel near the lower end of Drewry's island, opposite Goode's rock, and on Richmond bar, which reduced the available depth at mean high water to thirteen feet. These bars were removed by the 15th of June, as before stated.

The report states the amount of work done by the United States includes the new channel between the shiplock and Rocketts reef, and between the reef and the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves, removal of deposits, a new channel at Goode's rock, a new channel at Randolph's flat, sideexcavations to fill behind Drewry's island, Dutch Gap enlargement, and extension of dikes. The United States did double the work done by the city.

The report says : These dikes and jetties are intended to decrease the amounts left by freshets and to otherwise improve the channel, but to what extent they must be extended to maintain eighteen feet depth of water, as is now proposed, is a matter still under consideration. The expenditures on the part of the city during the year were as follows: \$11,572.75. In addition, there are bills due and not yet audited as follows: For repairs, \$103.21; for coal, \$291.93.

THE REPAIRS

and other similar expenses during the year amount to \$1,904.43; but in comparing these expenses with those of former years it should be remembered that the machinery has not been worked to its full extent, as in former years, nor so continuously. A fair estimate of comparison would be that forty per cent, has been under repair by the city during the year. It must also be remembered, in considering the aggregate, that for the first time for three years the city has been running the machines as well as keeping them in repair.

The city has two steam-tugs, three dredges, two hoisters, seven platform and three dumping acows, and a powder pile-driver.

The dredge hired to the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and others earned \$1,558.75.

FROM THE SHIP-LOCK TO THE SEA there is an available depth of fourteen feet increased cost of towing. The price of at mean high water. This is at an average freight has been reduced fifty cents per ton, of all the high tides which are not influenced by floods. The height varies, being more in miner. It is now possible to compete with spring tides and less in neap tides, and is the older mines of Pennsylvania and Maryfurther influenced by high winds. If east- a d. Richmond is but erly winds prevail the tides are higher; if westerly, and especially northwest, winds prevail it is the reverse. Spring and neap tides differ about one foct, while those caused by high winds may vary as much as three and a half feet.

Below Richmond bar, in which I include Randolph's flat, there are sixteen, and probably six een and a half feet depth of water at mean high tide to the sea for vessels using the Dutch Gap cut-off. There are about one and a quarter miles in all between Warwick bur and City Point where there are less than eighteen feet depth, and below City Point three fourths of a mile more. Between these shoals the depth varies from eighteen to eighty feet, and is generally over twenty ar for being cugaged in a business in feet in depth even at low water. Wherever the river is shoul it is wider than the average width in the vicinity. If the widths at these shoals were regulated by dikes, and a chanmended as to reduce the number required nel dredged to a proper depth, it can scarcely be doubted that such depth would be main tained indefinitely.

ONE OF THE SHOALS,

Harrison's bar, is said to afford a greater depth of water than formerly. There were formerly two channels, one of which is siltting up, and as a result more water is pass- by the city. It will be necessary for the ing through the other. Nature is here doing city, in any event, to provide for the just what it is proposed to do artificially at care of the machinery and its main-other shouls. There seems to have been no tenance in good order for the work perceptible loss of depth over any of the which may be expected after the spring shoals in many years; certainly not in the freshets, and I earnestly advise that two of upper part of the river (I mean those which | the three dredges be kept constantly at work have not been worked on) since the coast at other times deepening the exceptionally survey of 1852. Wherever the river has shoal reach below Rocketts reef. I hope been contracted artificially a greater depth that at least a narrow channel can be comhas been maintained than existed previously, encouraging the expectation that there is a priation from Congress is available; if not, proper width at every point for maintaining much will be done, and it can be completed a certain depth, and that this depth may be at least that which is now contemplated.

From the ship-lock to Rocketts reef there is now a channel ninety feet wide and eighteen feet deep (one half the full width);

ROCK IN THIS BEEF was broken up to a depth of twenty feet, but This committee met immediately after the for want of means was not entirely removed. the address should be delivered at 12 o'clock feet depth. From this reef to near the bas taken in the improvement. The plans of the session will probably be unusually interesting. on the 19th instant at some hall hereafter to Chesapeake and Ohio merebandise-wharf a are his, and to him the credit is due for the announced, and that no admittance fee cut has been in progress at intervals for two greater part of the work, especially in later be asked be charged. Governor Kemper will years varying in width from 25 to 100 feet, years. be asked to preside, and the Rev. Dr. Minnistred to open the meeting with prayer. It is nowhere less than 15 feet. Between the taking a collection made arrangements for the cut and the coal wharf there are taking a collection with the coal wharf there are the daying a collection with the coal wharf there are the daying a collection with the coal wharf there are the daying a collection with the coal wharf there are the daying a collection with the coal wharf there are the daying a collection with the coal wharf there are the daying a collection with the coal wharf there are the daying the wear. Very respectfully, your taking a collection on the 19th throughout fourteen feet depth, and below the coal-wharf ties during the year. Very respectfully, your to the lower end of Riehmond bar fifteen feet; obedient servant, H. D. Whitcomb, although the channel is narrow and can be Engineer on the part of the city. although the channel is narrow and can be

used by vessels of that draught only with care ! and at average high water. For fourteen feet draught the channel has a good width. As vessels drawing fourteen feet now come to this port, and as the tides are at uncertain intervals lessened by westerly winds, it is of great importance to further widen and deepen the channel between Rocketts reef and the lower end of Richmond bar as soon as as to have a channel say 100 by 16 feet, by the last of July if the dredges were not unusually interrupted by freshets. I regard

THIS WORK. as of more immediate importance to the city than any other on the river. From the ship-lock to the Chesapeake and Ohio coal-wharf the excavation, except at Rocketts reef, is in a hard clay or marl resembling decomposed granite, and is certainly not the deposit now brought down by the river. There is very little sand or gravel in the channel on this reach, and there seems to have been no troublesome deposit for several years; on the contrary, the channel seems to be slowly deepening. From this point down the river the excavation is in sand, sometimes contain ing boulders, although at full depths the hard substance met with above is sometimes encountered. The United States force began the excavation of the permanent channel at Goode's rock in May, and continued it until November, when the funds allotted to that part of the work were exhausted. under the agreement made between Colonel This shoal, around which there is a channel, but with abrupt curvature, is composed of

large GRANITE BOULDERS imbedded in sand. Examinations made since the work was suspended show that there yet remain several of these boulders, with scant fourteen feet of water on them. This channel, therefore, cannot be used safely as yet by the larger class of vessels coming to this port. These boulders were covered by sand until after the rock force was disbanded and the dredges had been put to work to remove the sand remaining. In 1874 the United States constructed a dike on the north side of the river at Richmond bar, intended in part to hold dredged material and in part to contract the width at that point, The freshet of last spring by its effects indicated that the river was still too wide, although there was an evident improvement. In the past year dikes running at right angles to and from the opposite shore have been constructed for a limited distance to try the effect of further contraction. These have had no marked effect up to this time. Ali that can be said is that the channel

OVER THE BAR has been maintained. The spring freshets will probably indicate whether this mode of and Judge Guigon assenting the case went improvement should be continued. As this over accordingly. bar is at the point where the current of floodtide is ordinarily neutralized by the river current proper it is not unlikely that more or less dredging will be necessary, or at some point near it, after every considerable freshet; but this amount may be very small when the adopted :

width. The Dutch Gap canal is used by every the Old Dominion Company's steamships. It was found to be too narrow for a portion of its length to be used with entire safety by these side-wheel ships. The depth is ample. THIS CANAL

was excavated several years since to a lowwater width of 120 feet, but a slide which took place afterwards reduced its wid h to 90 feet, and at 12 feet depth at low water to 75 feet. The work of enlargement was begun in July last, and in the present month it is hoped the work will be completed. The canal will then have a width at low water of at least 180 feet, and at 15 feet depth at low water of 150 feet. The width of the canal will be practically doubled, and can then be used safely by all classes of vessels coming to this port. This canal enables vessels to avoid the shoul in Trent's reach-the worst now remaining in the river.

Under the head of Previous Condition of the River the committee give a very graphic account of the miserable state of the river in 1869 and 1870, after the great flood, when the work of improvement was begun in earnest, and they go on to say-

THIS MUCH IS GAINED. Vessels drawing fourteen feet can leave the dock and go to sea at ordinary high tide. The channel has been widened and many dangerous rocks removed. The commerce a further deepening of the channel will confer still greater benefits no one will deny.

It is well known that the price of freight by water to and from this city has been largely reduced from that of former years. This may not be due entirely to the river imopened, and until last summer, vessels could to run at large. only load to twelve feet draught. Vessels in this trade ordinarily draw more than this, but could not take a full load, and consequently were forced to charge higher rates. The increased depth of water enables these vessels to carry 200 tons more than then with scarcely a dollar more expense, except the while twenty-five cents is a fair profit to the

TWELVE HOURS FROM HAMPTON ROADS for vessels drawn by steam-tugs, and the cost of towing is fifteen cents per ton. If a railway were built to the same point an ordinary freight train on it would require eight hours, and the cost of carriage, including Richmond High School : one extra handling, would not be less than one dollar per ton. The cost of such a railway with its equipment—say \$2,000,000-would give twenty feet depth of water from Richmond to the ses, and maintain it, and, besides, go far towards the construction of a dock which would accommodate vessels of that draught.
Richmond is fairly entitled to the cheapest

and best mode of transportation for her manufactures and her commerce. The improved river will furnish it at a moderate cost; and there is no other improvement, in my judgment, in which she is more vitally interested and in which a more immediate return for expenditures can be expected.

WORK FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. As the appropriations on the part of Congress are usually made at the close of sessions, which in this year will probably be in pended until that time unless carried on pleted there by the time the expected approsoon afterward.

of running the machinery indicated is about as follows for seven months:

Total.....\$21,662 50

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, SATURDAY .-Page vs. Commonwealth. Fully argued by Samuel M. Page and E. C. Cabell for the plaintiff in error, and the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, and submitted.

McGuire's administrator vs. Hale, &c. From the Circuit Court of Franklin. Alexander vs. Carr, trustee. From the Circuit Court of Londonn. These two cases were practicable. This could probably be done, so dismissed for failing to print the records. Nelligan vs. City of Richmond. Dismissed

by plaintiff in error. by plaintiff in error.

rule was awarded against Hon. A. B. Guigon, judge of the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond, to show cause, if any he can, why a writ of probibition should not be awarded to prevent him from proceeding further on the rule awarded by Judge Guigon against said Macdougil to show cause why he should not be relieved from his office dyck's Charles I., is not the drawing, nor as a judge of election; which rule is returnable on Tuesday next.

CHANCERY COURT OF RICHMOND.-The following cases were disposed of:

Mayo, guardian, vs. Atkinson, &c. Decree making a partial disposition of the fund. Courtney and Walford, trustees, vs. East End and Virginia Building-Fund Companies. Decree making distribution of the fund and a final disposition of the cause. Hardgrove, &c., vs. Hardgrove, &c. Decree confirming report of commissioner and approving sale of property therein men-

James Jones, &c., vs. Turner, &c. Decree referring cause to a commissioner for inquiry

and report. Arnall, trustee, vs. Arnall, &c. Decree making distribution of the fund on hand. Girnett, trustee, vs. Sutton, &c. Decree referring cause to a commissioner for inquiry and report.

Lynch, trustee, vs. Lynch, etc. Decree referring cause to a commisioner for inquiry and report. Barrett's administrator vs. Barrett, etc. Or-

der confirming report of commissioner showing disposition in full of fund belonging to the calldren of Mary Louisa Hughes, de-

THE MACDOUGAL CASE .- Saturday was appointed in the Hustings Court for Mr. James blacdougal to answer a rule to show cause why he should not be removed from his office of judge of election in the First precinct of Jefferson Ward for alleged neglect of duty, &c. On the case being called his counsel, Messrs. Robert Stiles and George D. Wise, requested a postponement until to-morrow,

COAL FOR THE POOR .- At the last regular meeting of the City Council Committee for Relief of the Poor (Captain William English | the possibility of what he has done sweeps chairman) the following resolution was

"Resolved, That the thanks of this committee are due and are hereby tendered to Messrs. John H. Bryant & Co., proprietors may have consigned his nucle. With sword class of vessels coming to this port except of the Black Heath Coal-Mining Company, and Mr. Robert Marks, of the Union coalpits, of Chesterfield county, for a liberal donation of coal made by them to this committee for distribution to the poor of the city."

> CHILD FATALLY BURNED. - Friday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock, in the absence of her mother, Martha Glenn (colored), who re- | which you cannot escape. sides at No. 7 west Canal street, Lizzie, aged four and a half years, while warming herself tunity of determining for themselves the at the fire allowed a piece of cloth she had justice of this criticism. around her neck and shoulders to catch afire. She ran into the street to look for her mother, and the wind caused her to inbale the effects of which she died Friday night.

CHARGED WITH BEING INSANE,-Sergeant Dan. Wren Saturday arrested Policeman John E. Moody, a warrant having been sworn out charging Moody with being of unsound mind. For some time past Mr. Moody has given evidences of insanity, and it was deemed best by his friends to take charge of him. His case will be investigated at once.

JOHN R. THOMPSON'S MONUMENT .- Mr. James Draddy, of New York, has arrived here for the purpose of putting up the monument to John R. Thompson, which is the gift of Mr. Thompson's New York adof the city has been greatly benefited. That mirers. The monument reached this city some time ago, and was described in this

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS .- The following parties were fined by the Police Justice Saturday: John Keppler, fifty dollars for provement, but it is due to it in part. Take failing to remove his fence to the street line the item of coal shipped from the Chesapeake after having been ordered to do so; C. E. and Ohio railroad. When the road was Redford, one dollar for permitting his cow

FIRE.-The alarm of fire on Saturday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock, turned in at Station 17, corner Third and Duval streets, was caused by the partial burning of a framed dwelling, No. 819 Third street, owned by Mrs. Mary Hulcher and occupied by colored persons. Damage, fifty dollars. CONVICTS RECEIVED .- Rollins Poindexter.

from Louisa county, one year for housebreaking and larceny, and Walter Painter, from Loudoun county, five years for horsestealing, were lodged in the penitentiary on Saturday. ROLL OF HONOR AT THE RICHMOND HIGH-

SCHOOL .- The following is a list of the pupils on the roll of bonor for last week at the Junior Class: Bella Cohn, Florence Chalk, Sallie Cosby, Sallie Coleman, Alice Ezekiel, Lillian V. Hutton, Ella Hicks, Mary Nowlir, Emma Riddick, Ida Ragland, Annie Simms, Gertrude Smith, Blanche A. Turner, Rosa R. Swift, Rachael Van Vort,

Hutzler, August Unkel, William E. Cree, Raiza Manly, R. Ashby Taylor. Intermediate Class: Jennie Armstrong, Ida C. Cox, Nellie Johnson, Lulie Minetree, Annie B. Pace.

Senior Class : Laura Brack t , Mry E. Fox, Julia B. Henning, Sue McWilliam, George H. Armistead. Attendance for the week, ninety-eight per

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE. - The follow ing is a list of the conveyances of real estate for the week ending January 15, 1876: Lot fronting 41 feet on Q street for \$239; 33 feet on K street, corner Twenty-ninth, for \$1,600; 60 feet on D street for \$1; 30 feet on Seventh street for \$200; 22 feet on Eighteenth street between H and I for \$346; 70 feet on D street, corner Sixth, for \$2 300; 25 feet on Louisiana street, corner Third, for -; 20 feet on Seventeenth street, corner Carringtop, for \$300; 26 feet on Twenty-first street between E and F for \$700; - feet on Lombard alley, corner Thirteenth street, for \$671; - feet on Lombard alley, corner Thirteenth street, for \$1,421; 40 feet on Louisiana street for \$250; 25 feet on Seventh street between G and F for \$7,500; 30 feet on Pine street between Holly and China for \$1,000; 40 feet on Pleasants street for \$500; 40 feet on Twenty-second street between D and E for -; 40 feet on Twenty-second street between D and E for \$400; 25 feet on D street, corner Madison, for \$750; 21 feet on Mayo street, corner H, for \$2,583.

THE COMMON COUNCIL. - The regular semi-The thanks of the city are justly due to Colonel Craighill for the warm interest he has taken in the investment of the cassion will probably be at the case of the cas

FOURTH-STREET CLUB .- The Fourth-Street Club will give two of their agreeable entertainments on the 25th and 26th instant, for

FRIZEN OVER .- The basin and dock were frozen over Saturday morning.

EDWIN BOOTH'S ENGAGEMENT -HAMLET .-George William Curtis, a critic of no ordinary discernment, says: "What Garrick was in Richard III., or Edmund Kean in Shylock, Edwin Booth is in Hamlet. Booth looks the ideal Hamlet; for the Hamlet of our imaginations, which is the Hamlet of Shakspeare, is not the 'scant-of-breath' gentleman whom the severer critics insist that he should be. He is a sad, slight, Prince. Booth is altogether princely. His costume is still the solemn suit of sables, varied ac-Jacobs vs. City of Richmond. Dismissed cording to his fancy of greater fitness; and his small, lithe form, with the mobility and Upon the petition of James Macdougal a intellectual sadness of his face, and his large, melancholy eyes, satisfy the most fas-tidious imagination that this is Hamlet as he lived in Shakspeare's world. His playing throughout has an exquisite tone, like an old picture. The charm of the finest portraits of Raphael's Julius, or Leo; of Titian's Francis I., or Appolito de Medici; of Vaneven the coloring, so much as the nameless, subtle harmony which is called tone. So in Booth's Hamlet it is not any particular scene, or passage, or look, or movement that conveys the impression; it is the consistency of every part with every other-the pervesive sense of the mind of a true gentleman sadly strained and jarred. Through the whole play the mind is borne on in mournful reverie. It is not so much what he says or does that we observe; for under all-beneath every scene, and word, and act-we hear what is not audible—the melancholy music of the sweet bells jangled out of tune and harsh. This gives a curious reality to the whole. Booth's conception of Hamlet is that of a morbid mind conscious of its power to master the mystery of life, which in its details baffles and overwhelms him. There is, therefore, a serene consciousness of superiority in his behavior, even in the most perplexed moments. In the chamber scene with his mother, when the ghost passes and Hamlet falls for a moment prostrate with emotion at his disappearance, the Queen insinuates that he is mad. There is a kind of calm, pitying ane. disdain mingled with the sense that her feeling is natural with which Hamlet steps to ward her, his finger on his pulse. The tragedy in Hamlet is not only the vital curiosity about existence, the mestering love of life which almost subdues his soul with fear and doubt, and keeps it tense with eager questioning, but it is the conviction of a mind morbid with this continual strain that it is a most sacred duty to end another life, to plunge a guilty soul into the abyse of doubt, and that soul the one dearest to his mother. This explains the fascination which the idea of his uncle's death always bility to do more than dream and doubt over the action. It is this complication which produces one of Booth's finest scenes. In the interview with his mother he stabs Polonius through the arras. For an instant over his mind-always the victim of complex emotions, the instinctive satisfaction of knowing the act done is mingled with the old, familiar horror of the doom to which he uplifted, and a vague terror both of hope

exercises upon his mind, and also his ina and fear in his face and tone, Hamlet does not slide rapidly back and hurriedly exclaim, 'Is it the king'? but, tottering with emotion, he asks slowly, in an appalling staccato, 'Is-it-the-king'? The cumulative sadness of the play was never so palpable as in Booth's acting. It is a spell from

To night our people will have the oppor

ASSEMBLY HALL-LOTTA .- "The peerless Lotte," supported by Mr. C. W. Couldock. the flames, besides burning her body, from the great character-actor; Mr. E. A. Locke. comedian; and a select company under the management of Mr. Henry E. Abbey, will appear at Assembly Hall on Saturday, January 22d-matice; and evening. Musette will be presented at the matine and Zip at night. Wherever Lotta goes she establishes herself as a favorite, storming the very inmost citadels of the hearts of the audience, and balancing a lack of legitimate histrionic talent by a mischievousness which is much more delightful, if not as intellectual, than the stalk and strut of Tragedy's majestic queen.

> BRIEFS -A number of ladies and gentlemen from Boston, bringing souvenirs for the Knights Templar who wer in the Boston pilgrimage, will arrive here on the 21st.

A quantity of ice still obstructs the gut ters of Fourteenth street and Franklin street near the Ballard House. The attention of the police, Board of Health, Street Committee, and City Engineer will doubtless be called to the nuisance, which has existed for years, yet may be remedied in a few hours It is stated that a young gentleman who is one of the heirs to the Jennings estate, in England, has succeeded in finding the longsought-for evidence assuring the identity of the Virginia claimants.

TAKEN SICK .- The city ambulance was called out between 7 and 8 o'clock on Saturday night to take an aged colored man home from the First police station-house who was quite sick.

PAVING THE SIDEWALK .- A force of hands has been at work during the last few days paying the sidewalk in the Broad street front of the old City Hall lot.

RICHMOND, VA., January 15, 1876. To the Editors of the Dispatch : As there may be some patriotic citizens desiring to contribute to the success of the Centennial Exhibition, I desire to make it known that I am authorized by the Centennial Board of Finance to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of the exhibition, and I shall be pleased to furnish all such citizens with one or more shares at ten dollars each. Each subscriber, in addition to the chance of making a large percentage on his investment, receives a handsomely engraved certificate of stock as Florrie Wilkerson, Lallah R. Wright, Ida a memento of his patriotic action is aiding that celebration, which is hoped will bring much good to our country.

ANDREW PIZZINI, Jr., 807 Broad street.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

Roll of Honor .- At the Male High-School the following pupils are on the roil of honor for the week ending January 14, 1876: Rotert H. Winfree, John D. Mathews, Walter L. Burgess, Rolfe D. Hall, Thomas G. Mathews, W. O. Sims, Walter K. Mathews, John G. Rice. Lorenzo Lipscomb. Percentage of attendance, 96.

Real Estate Sales .- Messrs. Sampson & McCrary have recently sold "Leay farm," in Chesterfield county, containing thirty-six acres, to E. Eggleston for \$800 cish; also, a thirty-foot lot in Marx's addition to J. H. Williams for \$100 cash.

NOTICE .- We advise everybody to attend the entertainments of the FOURTH-STREET CLUB, January 25th and 26th, at the Richmond Theatre. It is for the benefit of the LEE MONUMENT FUND. Everybody ought to be willing to subscribe fifty cents to that lund. THE RILEY VIRGINIA WHISKEY sold by CHRIS-

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> BY TELEGRAPH. Highway Robbery.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.] ALEXANDRIA, VA., Jaquary 15 .- Mr Charles Landstreet, who resides on the Telegraph road a few miles below this city, while returning home about dark last evening was assaulted and knocked from his horse when near Patter's bill by two ne- The Assets of the Brandywine Bank. gro men and robbed of about four hundred dollars in money. While lying on the assets of the Brandywine Bink, recently ground be succeeded in drawing his revolver suspended, amount to \$60,000; of which and firing two shots. Heard one of his assailants cry that he was shot; but the other one immediately struck Mr. Landstreet another blow on the head with a club and White, county clerk of Delaware county, knocked him senseless. Officers were on the and a heavy real-estate operator, has made an track of the robbers this morning.

The South Carolina Congressional Districts.

WASHINGTON, January 15 .- The House Elections Committee to-day heard the argument of W. H. Fresco't, that the Third frauds. congressional district of South Carolina is not entitled to a representative because it is not a wholly contiguous territory, one county not touching any of the other six. No argument was submitted in behalf of Mr. Hoge, representing the district.

Judge Pascal suggested but the question submitted by Mr. Frescott beirs upon the validity of all of the South Carolina representatives; for if one district is null the State ha not been legally districted, and the present Legislature must redistrict it and order new election in all the districts.

The committee decided to take the map as The committee decided to take the map as evidence in the conest. The map shows that one county is twenty-five miles from the rest of the district; which is plainly in violation of the act of Congress. If the combine the co lation of the act of Congress. If the committee are satisfied that such districting was done to prevent representation to the minority Hoge will be unseated.

Federal Interference in Louisiana Affairs.

Washington, Jacuary 15 -In view of the disturbances in three of the parishes of Louisiana the Attorney-General will soon, by direction of the President, prepare a letter ad-dressed to United States District Attorney Beckwith, directing him to use all efforts to quiet the disturbances, and to execute the enforcement act by bringing all offenders to trial. The President, as expressed in conversation to-day, seems determined to preserve the public peace as far as it is in his power to do so.

Suit against a Railroad Company. LEBANON, January 15 .- In the suit of Eliza Benson vs. The Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Railroad, a verdict was rendere l today for the plaint for \$4 250. The company moved for a new trial. The plaintiff in this case was carried beyond her destination, and became permanently disabled from consequent exposure.

The Hentucky Senatorship. FRANKFORT, KY., January 15.—An ineffectual ballot was had this morning for United States senator; after which the Democrats held an ineffectual caucus. A second joint joint beliot was then taken as follows: Beck, 50; Williams, 47; Leslie, 29; Wads-

Botler Explosion. CINCINNATI, January 15 .-- The head of the boiler of the Volksblatt newspaper blew out original Uncle Jasper and Brudders, January 25th to-day, fatally injuring one person and hurting several others.

> Police Raid on a Cock-Pit. Bosron, January 15.—The police made a raid on a cock pit here to-day, and captured sixty-one persons and sixty-one fowl. The men were held in \$100 bail each.

The Staughtering of Hogs. CINCINNATI, JULIUTY 15.—The slaughter of hogs to date is 450,000 head; last year, 420,-302 head.

THE DISPATCH

TERMS OF ADVERTISING:

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

England.

RUMORS CONTRADICTED. LONDON, January 15 .- The Pall Mall Gazette has a special telegram from Copenhagen saying: " I am authorized to contradict the report of a proposed sale of the island of St. Thomas, in the West Indies, to Germany. The idea was mooted in 1873 of exchanging St. Thomas for North Sleswick, but was dismissed as impracticable."

LABOR TROUBLES. London, January 15 .- Six hundred weavers of the Lower Heyes mills, at Ma-clesfield, have been locked out in consequence of a disagreement between the proprietors and the secretary of the Weavers' Union.

A portion of the North Wales colliers have again struck for higher wages. It is feared others will follow. A meeting was held yesterday at Derby of

the Iron-Trade Employers' Association to considerer the strike against piece-work by two hundred members of the Amalgamated Engineers' Society at Easton & Anderson's works, at Erith Ren', and the threatened aggressive action of that Society. It was unanimously resolved to resist any attempt of societies to restrict plece-work in the shops of members of the Association. It was resolved that the general lock out recommended by the Executive Committee should not be resorted to at present, as such action would throw seventy thousand men out of employment.

THE COTTON MARKET. Liverpool, January 15 .- The demand for

trade in the cotton market has been small, and the week has been one of much disappointment to holders. The total stock of all descriptions is 134,000 bales less than last year, and American is 83,000 less. Prices have steadily given way with the increasing pressure to sell, and the market closes at the lowest prices of the week.

France.

FURTHER EFFECTS OF THE PROCLAMATION, Paris, January 15.-President MacMahon's proclamation has fallen rather flat. The Republican newspapers, which were expected to greet it with sharp criticisms, appear, with the exception of a few irreconcilables, delighted with the recognition of the Republic; and the appeal for a fair trial of the constitutional laws at the Bourse produced no effect. In political circles the prevalent opinion is that it leaves things where

Satisfaction is generally felt at the adjustment of the ministerial crisis, but it is utterly devoid of enthusiasm. Germany. LONDON, January 15 .- The Pall-Mall Ga-

zette's special from Berlin says that the select

committee of the Imperial Parliament to

whom the Government's proposed amendment to the criminal code was referred have resolved upon direct opposition to the Government and in favor of jury-trial for Press The proposed conference of the German maritime States to inquire into marine disas-

ters has been postponed in order to give an opportunity to investigate the English sys-Owing to the opposition of some of the smaller States the Government has for the present limited the scheme of purchasing all

railways to Prussia alone, in which no serious difficulties are anticipated. Egypt. ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, January 15 .- It is

Collieries Resume Work. Pottsville, Pa., January 15 .- A large

railroads.

reported that Egypt is negotiating with English capitalists for the sale of Egyptian

Railroad Company and private parties have resumed work, giving employment to a large number of men and boys. Murder in New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, January 15 - James Merri-

man (colored), aged sixty, shot and instantly

killed James Murphy. Both were carpen-

number of collieries worked by the Reading

ters, working together. Merriman surrendered himself. WESTCHESTER. PA., January 15 .- The

\$40,000 are doubtfu!.

Failures. MONTICELLO, N. Y., January 15 .- S. H. assignment. New York, January 15 .- E. S. Munroe,

stock broker, has failed. Whiskey Frauds. Indianapolis, January 15 .- McGuffy has been convicted on nine counts for whiskey

The New Third Auditor. Washington, January 15 .- William E. Austin, the new Third Auditor, assumed the duties of his office to-day.

Customs Receipts. Washington, January 15 .- The customs receipts for the week are \$5,125,000, against \$3,625,000 for the same week last year. DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS.

CANAL-BOATS. NOTICE.—TO MERCHANTS AND SHIPPERS.—We, the undersigned, owers and captains of the UNION LINE OF CA ALBOATS, do hereby revoke the appointment of Messrs, T.C. Leake & Co. as our ageois for receiving and forwarding freignt for the said Union Line; and we do hereby appoint Messrs. Mornison & Kent our only Authorized Agency in the receive, forward, and ship all freight for transportation to Lynchbarg, Lexington, and Buchsn in by our line of boats, having but one Agency in the chy of Richmodd.

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